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A PNEUMATIC TIRE AND A RIM FOR A
PNEUMATIC TIRE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d); or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under

37 C.F.R. §1.114 and, therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants note the following:

The pneumatic tire described in JP 59-53204 (English-language abstract appended hereto) is similar to that described in JP 52-79402. An English-language abstract corresponding to DE 26 55 764 (which is a German equivalent of JP 52-79402) is also submitted herewith. JP 52-79402 is discussed on page 2, lines 14-26 of the present application. Finally, a copy of a computer search report, from which the above-mentioned abstracts were obtained, is also submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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